



## **YOUTH COMMITTEE**

GoToMeeting® 1:30 – 2:30 PM

April 18, 2017

Walt Sullivan Building, Helena, MT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jasyn Harrington (Chair), Jim O'Neill, Lisa Newman, Tim Brurud, Kristie Moss, Katie Spalinger, Cindy Dufner.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tanya Murgel and Erika Willis

**STAFF:** Shannon Lewis

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Chair Harrington called the meeting to order at 1:30.

**ROLL CALL:** Shannon Lewis conducted roll call and established a quorum.

**AGENDA:** Chair Harrington asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

***Mr. Brurud moved and Ms. Newman seconded a motion to approve the agenda.***

***The motion carried.***

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

Lisa Newman gave an overview of the youth program administered through Career Training Institute (CTI) and walked committee members through the work that staff do in order to serve participants. The WIOA Youth Program provides education, training and employment services to youth facing barriers to employment. WIOA focuses on spending 75% of its funds targeting out-of-school youth aged 16-24. In the out-of-school youth program, priority is given to public assistance recipients and low-income individuals facing significant barriers to employment. In-school-youth are also low income students facing barriers to employment. CTI works with a number of partner agencies in order to enroll and provide services to youth populations. Once a participant is referred to the Youth program, they are assessed for eligibility and staff works with the participant to develop a strategy to enable the participant to successfully enter the workforce, receive additional education, work toward a credential, or move into a training program.

Kristie Moss gave an overview of the JobCorps program, which provides intensive training opportunities for youth in a campus-like setting. Montana has three JobCorps sites in Anaconda, Ronan, and Darby. Each site works with participants to learn skills required in a work setting and participants work with staff to develop a personal career

development pathway while learning about career options and working with workforce professionals to develop steps to successfully transition into a career.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS:**

Shannon Lewis reviewed a proposed mission statement and goals for the committee to ensure the committee is able to stay on task.

***Ms. Newman moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded a motion to approve the agenda.***

***The motion carried.***

#### **THE ADOPTED MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS:**

##### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Youth Committee will work to ensure that all Montana youth have access to education & training opportunities that result in a credential and enable them to achieve long-term, stable employment, earning a living wage.

##### **GOALS:**

- The Youth Committee will work across agencies and organizations to create a shared youth vision to ensure that all Montana youth have access to education and training opportunities to succeed in today's global economy by:
  - Attending conferences and workshops hosted by partners and ensuring that all agencies understand the opportunities available through WIOA and the Montana Department of Labor & Industry's training programs;
  - Leveraging the current one-stop system to ensure there is information available to all youth transitioning into the workforce and how to obtain training and credentials that lead to a career ladder; and
  - Report to the Governor's office recommended best practices to optimize workforce training opportunities for Montana youth.
- Work across agencies and organizations to ensure that youth providers have access to hard-to-serve youth and out-of-school youth who have significant barriers to career opportunities.
- Strengthen relationships with agencies and organizations between the Montana Department of Labor & Industry and Youth Providers to ensure there is understanding of the programs and services available to Montana youth.

##### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Harrington adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.